

the cyclone which visited that section of the country four years ago. You Brethren of the east can judge of the zeal and self-sacrifice of these western Brethren when I say that in one year they rebuilt two churches, destroyed by this cyclone and built this church at Hamlin and paid their quota of Ashland College, besides the usual salary of the pastor and other incidentals. But we need not sing their praises. Their names are written in heaven. For verily they have come out of great tribulation. I remark again that another evidence of their zeal here at Hamlin is the fact that this last revival was the third one they have held within a year. The Brethren stand well in the estimation of the people of the village. They do not base this standing on their worldly conditions but on the sober Christianity which they display. I do not mean to say that these Brethren are not human with all that implies, but for their love and zeal God seems to be fulfilling his promise to the "doctrine of the brethren," and the allusion is to baptism, feet washing, Lord's supper, etc., but I wonder why it is that we hear so little said about this part of the teachings of our Lord? Did he really intend for his disciples to practice these things? I have often "tasted of the good word of God and the powers of the world to come" while engaged in celebrating the sacred symbols of the gospel, but when I realize the fullest overshadowing of the divine presence is when I am "all alone" with God praying, it may be for some brother who has perhaps failed to reciprocate that love which my heart has had for him. In this way we shall be able to convert our trials into so many blessings.

But how little did I think of writing all this as I began this letter, and yet, what could I have written more important, more needed? And strange to say, even while penning this message I have had the pleasure of witnessing an example, such as recommended in the beginning of this letter. Mrs. Lyon came into my study bearing a beautiful bouquet, also a finely painted plack, just received from an artist friend, whom she has known but a short while. Under such circumstances a present is doubly appreciated.

I had some other things to speak of but my letter has grown too long. Our work moves along encouragingly, with the exception that our faith is once more being tried on account of lack of funds to meet current expenses. Let all who have the Lord's cause uppermost in heart and mind fervently pray that our needs may be supplied.

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You have not heard any thing thru the EVANGELIST from this place for some time, so I will endeavor to report.

There were no conversions during the revival we had here this spring, but our pastor did his duty and preached some soul-inspiring sermons, calculated to revive those who have already confessed the name of Christ,

and to persuade such to dwell more together in unity. We need to read over Paul's exhortation in Eph. 4:1-4, 31, 32. "With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice: and be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." And then to remember how our blessed Savior himself prayed God to preserve the apostles and all believers in unity and truth, on the night of his betrayal. "Holy Father, keep thru thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." St. John 17:11, 21. Oh! let us practice more the new commandment he gave us; for he said that all men would know we were his disciples if we had love one for another. Nothing is more blessed than for Christ's followers to dwell together in Christian fellowship and brotherly love.

We held our annual communion service the last evening of revival meeting, and it was quite well attended. Since then the State Conference was held at Lathrop, and all report a splendid time. Brother Shively is going in the mission field the first of June, to the southern part of the state. Before he goes it is to be determined whether or not he is to remain as our pastor for another year. I think for one, that he is a good and faithful pastor and that a better could not be found.

The S. S. C. E. is alive and active yet. Last week they had a carpet rag sewing and realized two dollars. The Young People's Society sent a delegate to the State Convention of C. E., which met at Stockton on May 17. The society is improving under our new president, Brother Osborn.

My letter is long enough now but before closing I want to say a few words about something I heard a man say to-day. He said "the next world did not worry him half as much as this one," and that "he was trying to live half right here and would take chances with the other world." He then went on to say that "if some people he knew got to heaven where they claimed to be going, he would rather travel the other road."

There are so many that seem to be kept out of the Kingdom of God by the fact of the existence of hypocrites. But why should that make them doubt God? Is he not a just God, and is it then reasonable that the unrighteous, or hypocrites shall inherit a good reward in heaven? It is absurd. Heaven would not be heaven then. But "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Hypocrisy is a sin, and the wages of sin is death. I would try to do wholly right, God helping me. I will trust his precious promises and strive to work out my soul's salva-

tion with fear and trembling. Pray for me and for all the brethren at Turlock.

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The colony is growing. There are now twenty eight families here whose presence is due to the efforts of the Christian Co-operative Colony. There are others who have been influenced indirectly to locate with us. We are all so far as I know satisfied with our new conditions, but I am not writing this to tell you about our country or our temporal welfare.

In coming here we hoped to be able to build up a community of Christian people. For this reason we called it the Christian Co-operative Colony. There may be nothing in a name as Shakespeare puts it, but this name has meant a great deal to us. I has drawn to us the very best of people of a wide range of beliefs. When we came here no regular preaching service was held—a Sunday school with an attendance of 5 to 15 was all that was left of two or three efforts by as many denominations to conduct religious service. Our meetings then as now were held in the village school house. We are fortunate in having a commodious house of two rooms, easily connected by folding door. From the start our members have steadily increased until now we frequently tax the capacity of both rooms. Considering that it is less than 18 months since we organized the Brethren Union Sunday school our growth can be considered phenomenal. Recently we have had four successive Sunday schools, the attendance of which was 104 to 112. Today, May 6, has been the highwater mark, 122. Our C. E. is not behind in attendance and interest, while our preaching services morning and evening are well attended.

A movement is now on foot for the building of a union meeting house, to be used by all Christian workers here at Sunnyside until such a time as any denomination is ready to build for themselves. Up to this date the German Baptist brethren are the strongest and most able to build. At their last love feast about 40 communed. All but four of these are resident members. The Episcopalians are holding services occasionally. The Free Methodists now have a resident minister here. The Baptists held preaching here last night, and so the work is growing. As we have no saloons and it is within the power of the citizens to say whether this evil will be permitted, we feel it will be a long while before we will have. Nearly every new member to our colony makes the remark, "If we can only keep out the saloon." If only this class of people continue to come we will never need to fear results.

Last Sunday brother S. J. Harrison who has so far kindly served us "without money and without price," exchanged pulpits with a Disciple minister from Zillah, 15 miles up the valley. The meetings were well attended and the sermons were fine. The day was a sad one for Sunnyside as we were all shocked